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**HB 7037 An Act Concerning a Municipal Option to Impose an Admission Surcharge on Events
Promoted by a Private Institution of Higher Education**

Thank you Rep. Berger, Sen. Fonfara, Rep. Davis, Sen. Frantz and the members of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee for raising HB 7037 An Act Concerning a Municipal Option to Impose an Admission Surcharge on Events Promoted by a Private Institution of Higher Education.

Under this proposal a municipality may pass an ordinance that would allow them to impose a local surcharge on the admission charge to any event that is held at a facility located within the municipality and sponsored or promoted by a private institution of higher education in this state. The amount of the surcharge shall not exceed fifty cents per admission.

In many cases towns that host private colleges do not receive any property tax revenue from the private college. These institutions host sporting and entertainment events, sometimes drawing many non- students to these events, due the great number of people who may be in attendance the municipality has to provide additional resources to the area for the event. These resources may include: Police, Fire, EMS, and Department of Public Works staff. This admission surcharge will help the town preserve the local tax base by creating an alternative revenue stream to help to offset some of the additional costs that are incurred by the communities that host these private institutions of higher education.